

they want to be there, they have their own organizations that can sponsor them and they can go. I would wholeheartedly encourage that. But I don't think we should ask the State of Nebraska to pick up the tab for those who also want to go. With this, I'll conclude my remarks because I feel that we should go. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Vickers for personal privilege.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I hardly know how to begin. Let me say at the outset that I don't consider anything that we may be doing or attempting to do, as Senator Higgins put it, an attempt to go to Washington to get people to bail out the farmers. I don't need any help. I don't need to be bailed out. It really, sincerely, upsets me when people use that term. If you get out of my road and quit hurting me, I can survive. It upsets me too when people say that we're not all in this together. It is true, I'm the one that has got the notes signed. I'm the one that goes out there in the middle of the night when it is cold, trying to pull those calves or whatever, but I'm not the one that eats them all. I guess I really believe that bumper sticker that says, if you eat, you are involved with agriculture. I don't think it makes any difference if you live in Omaha, if you live in Farnam, Nebraska, if you live in New York City. I think this debate this morning is rather ridiculous. It reminds me of the frustrations that I've had the last few days with the other states. A few days ago we dedicated this Chamber to a great Nebraskan. His dream and his philosophy was that we're going to create a one-house, nonpartisan Legislature, and thank God he did, because we are trying to get other states to follow our lead and to join with us. Let me say right now that I have no intention and I will object, and I will do everything I can to stop any move to send Nebraska's, I don't care if it is one or all of us, by ourselves. That isn't what the resolution says. It wasn't my intention. It would be downright stupid. We're only going to go if we can get other states to join us. We are only going to go as a group, as Senator Schmit pointed out, otherwise we are wasting our time and the taxpayers' dollars. But in dealing with those other states and trying to get them to agree to go with us, I'm finding out how frustrating it must be to operate in a partisan, two-house system, even though I tried to go to one last year. Because the republicans want to